

Project Work on Religious Tourism at Sri Sri Surya Pahar, Goalpara district, Assam

Introduction

On 14th of March 2023 at 6am, Faculties and students of 4th and 6th Semester (Generic/Regular) got together at the college premises. The journey started at sharp 6:30am from the college to Suryapahar. At around 10:30am, we reached our destination where we first had our breakfast and then we took a group photo. After that we visited Archaeological museum where we saw different types of figurines of various gods and goddesses, figure of Venus, seals, etc.

Sri Surya Pahar is a significant but relatively unknown archaeological site in [Assam, India](#). The site is a hilly terrain where several rock-cut Shivalingas, votive stupas and the deities of Hindu, Buddhist and [Jain](#) pantheon are scattered in an area of about one km. The site is centered on the hills (Pahar) of Sri Surya which is profusely filled up with Shiva Lingas ([Lingam](#)). People have found 99999 Shiva Lingas were engraved here by [Vyasa](#) in order to build up a second [Kashi](#) (where there were 1,00000 Shiva Lingas) and once it was one of the holiest pilgrimage sites in the region. There is no historical evidence exactly how many Lingams once dotted in these hills, but still there are hundreds of them, from tiny to large in size, scattered everywhere at the foot of the hill and covering the extensive area after centuries of neglect and pilferage. The exact figure of the Lingas (and also other deities and relics) in the hill is yet to be counted scientifically.



At around 4:30 pm we returned from Sri Surya Pahar. It was a wonderful journey and students got so much knowledge about the tourism and archaeological values of that place.



Shiva Temple

Name of the Faculty Members and Students visited to Surya Pahar are as follows:

1. Prof. Sanjeeb Mallick
2. Prof. Haripriya Das
3. Prof. Kanchita Talukdar
4. Sankar Das
5. Sahil Bhuyan
6. Mujahar Ali
7. Tina Mani Sarma

8. Susmita Talukdar
9. Biswajit Paul
10. Krishna Moni Talukdar
11. Durlav Mandal
12. Rakibul Khan
13. Ananda Paul
14. Mridul Pathak
15. Mridusmita Das
16. Ujjal Das
17. Kangkan Das
18. Ratul Sutradhar
19. Prasenjit Das
20. Prashenjit Das
21. Dhaneswar Mandal
22. Rakesh Sarkar
23. Puja Mandal
24. Ismail Ali
25. Jintu Pathak
26. Rajdeep Karmakar
27. Dimpi Deka